

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **August 28, 2008** @ 4:30
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Rodriguez, Lennon, Signor, Atkins, and Lauritsen

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Glaus, Captain Bob Lowry, Lt. Armando Martel,
Assistant City Dave McDermott, Deputy Fire Chief Don Levasheff,
Holly Michels, Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Lennon to approve minutes of **June 26, 2008**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner/Chair Joe Rodriguez asked to agendize the chair/vice chair election at the next meeting.

7. Maximum Tow Rate Change

Present: Representatives of various tow companies

MOTION: Signor to approve 20% increase for towed vehicles and a 10% raise on vehicle storage to become effective on September 1, 2008

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous voice vote

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Points of Discussion:

- 2008 high fire area vegetation road clearance project to be implemented on 9/2/08 through 11/21/08; 14 miles of roadway will be cleared in the high fire hazard zone area; This is funded by the Wildland Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment District; 400 cubic yards of flammable vegetation has been removed in previous years; this district has become a model for other communities
- Station 1's seismic retrofit/remodel project is well underway and is slated to be completed in May 2009; Crews and offices have been moved into trailers in the rear and side lots; 2 dorm trailers, bathroom/restroom trailer and an office trailer; apparatus is still on the apparatus floor; day room/kitchen are still being used until the new ones are completed

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Points of Discussion:

- Fiesta went well and was the quietest as far as law enforcement activity that the Deputy Chief remembers; better statistically than the previous year; same amount of help from outside agencies as in previous years
- High profile Linares trial is underway
- Carachurre homicide preliminary hearing is taking place and is about to wrap up
- 4th of July homicide is in discovery stages
- Witness intimidation resulted in 3 arrests
- 6 new graduates from Academy
- 3 people scheduled to start the September Academy; this will put us at +1 or +2
- 450+ applicants to test next month for the January Academy, 5-7 likely to be admitted
- Chief and Fire Chief are at a Department Head Retreat

11. ADJOURN: 5:03